Northgate Land Use and Development

Northgate Planning

Seattle Comprehensive Plan

(1994, updated 2000, and update underway 2004) Established Northgate as an urban center and set targets of 3000 new housing units and 9300 new jobs within 20 years (2014).

Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan (1993)

Established a vision and policies for a vital dense, mixeduse center surrounded by healthy single family neighborhoods. It calls for good vehicular and pedestrian circulation, and an enhanced urban environment that contributes to the commercial core's economic viability.

5th Avenue NE Streetscape Design Concept (2003)

Recommends streetscape design elements to improve pedestrian mobility, neighborhood connections and streetscape design guidelines (NE 112th Street to NE 100th Street). The first phase of improvements near the new Northgate library, park and community center is funded (\$2 million).

Pedestrian and Open Space Plan (2004)

Coordinated Transportation Improvement Plan (2005)

Northgate Regulations

Northgate Overlay District SMC 23.71

Sets zoning regulations to implement various aspects of the Northgate Area Comprehensive Plan (1993, amended 2003).

Northgate Urban Center & Overlay District Design Guidelines

Adopted in 2003.

Citywide development regulations and design guidelines also apply to all developments in the Northgate area.

Development Process

Master Use Permit review and decision process SMC 23.76

Design Review SMC 23.41

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
Review SMC 25.05

